

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, delete "DESCRIPTION"

Page 1, immediately after the title, between lines 2 and 3, insert:

The subject application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/04760, filed 07/14/2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

JP-A-1-131163 discloses that imidazole compounds to be used as an active ingredient for the pesticidal composition of the present invention are useful as pesticides, and that they can be used together with other fungicides as the case requires. Further, as mixed pesticidal compositions containing the above imidazole compounds as active ingredients, ones as disclosed in JP-A-11-71209, JP-A-11-106301 and JP-A-11-124305, may be mentioned. Further, WO99/27788 discloses a possible combination of the compound No. 1 as described hereinafter and (S)-5-methyl-2-methylthio-5-phenyl-3-phenylamino-3,5-dihydroimidazole-4-one. However, it has not been known that a pesticidal composition comprising the above imidazole compound and at least one fungicide selected from the group consisting of (S)-5-methyl-2-methylthio-5-phenyl-3-phenylamino-3,5-dihydroimidazole-4-one, isopropyl 2-methyl-1-[(1-p-tolyloethyl)carbamoyl]-(S)-propylcarbamate, 3,5-dichloro-N-(3-chloro-1-ethyl-1-methyl-2-oxopropyl)-4-methylbenzamide and N-(α -cyano-2-thienyl 2-thenyl)-4-ethyl-2-(ethylamino)-5-thiazole carboxamide, has a distinguished pesticidal effect.

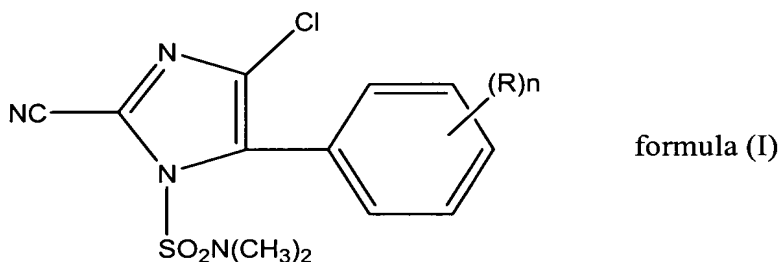
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present inventors have conducted extensive studies to overcome the above problems and as a result, have found that when the imidazole compound of the formula (I) as described hereinafter is used together with at least one fungicide selected from the group

consisting of (S)-5-methyl-2-methylthio-5-phenyl-3-phenylamino-3,5-dihydroimidazole-4-one, isopropyl 2-methyl-1-[(1-p-tolyloethyl)carbamoyl]-(S)-propylcarbamate, 3,5-dichloro-N-(3-chloro-1-ethyl-1-methyl-2-oxopropyl)-4-methylbenzamide and N-(α -cyano-2-thienyl 2-thenyl)-4-ethyl-2-(ethylamino)-5-thiazole carboxyamide, an excellent pesticidal effect can be obtained, which is unexpected from a single use of each compound alone. The present invention has been accomplished on the basis of this discovery.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Namely, the present invention relates to a pesticidal composition comprising at least one imidazole compound of the formula (I):



wherein R is a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxy group, and n is an integer of from 1 to 5, and at least one fungicide selected from the group consisting of (S)-5-methyl-2-methylthio-5-phenyl-3-phenylamino-3,5-dihydroimidazole-4-one, isopropyl 2-methyl-1-[(1-p-tolyloethyl)carbamoyl]-(S)-propylcarbamate, 3,5-dichloro-N-(3-chloro-1-ethyl-1-methyl-2-oxopropyl)-4-methylbenzamide and N-(α -cyano-2-thienyl 2-thenyl)-4-ethyl-2-(ethylamino)-5-thiazole carboxyamide, as active ingredients.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above (S)-5-methyl-2-methylthio-5-phenyl-3-phenylamino-3,5-dihydroimidazole-4-one (hereinafter referred to simply as compound a) is a compound as disclosed in THE 1998 BRIGHTON CONFERENCE-Pests & Diseases P.319-326. The above isopropyl 2-methyl-1-[(1-p-tolyloethyl)carbamoyl]-(S)-propylcarbamate (hereinafter referred to simply as compound b) is a compound as disclosed in THE 1998 BRIGHTON CONFERENCE-Pests & Diseases P.367-374. 3,5-dichloro-N-(3-chloro-1-ethyl-1-methyl-2-oxopropyl)-4-methylbenzamide (hereinafter referred to simply as compound c) is a compound as disclosed in THE 1998 BRIGHTON CONFERENCE-Pests & Diseases P.335-342. N-(α -cyano-2-thienyl 2-thienyl)-4-ethyl-2-(ethylamino)-5-thiazole carboxamide (hereinafter referred to simply as compound d) is a compound as disclosed in AG CHEM NEW COMPOUND REVIEW VOLUME17 1999, p.53. The above compounds a, b, c and d are fungicides having a preventive effect and a curative effect.